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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Before the Examiner:
Abbondanzio et al. : Tang, Kenneth

Serial No.: 09/981,519 : Group Art Unit: 2127

Filed: October 17, 2001 :

Title: AUTOMATICALLY SWITCHING : IBM Corporation
SHARED REMOTE DEVICES IN A : Intellectual Property Law
DENSE SERVER ENVIRONMENT : 3039 Cornwallis Road
THEREBY ALLOWING THE REMOTE : Research Triangle Park, NC 27709
DEVICES TO FUNCTION AS A LOCAL :
DEVICE :

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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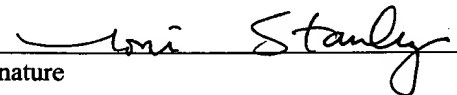
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of June 16, 2005 (Paper No. 5), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 16, 2005, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on August 25, 2005.


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